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### SHIPPING POLICY TO BE RECOMMENDED

Committee Wants Department of Marine in Cabinet

#### LEGISLATION ADVOCATED

Executive Committee Merchant Marine Association Sends Out Questionnaire.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Important recommendations for the formulation of a new national policy for the up-building of an American Merchant Marine have been agreed upon by the executive committee of the National Marine Association.

The propositions, which are four in number and as follows, will immediately be submitted to the 55 members of the Council of the Association for approval:

1. Calling of a conference of representatives of all organizations directly interested in shipping, shipbuilding, manufacturing, and export-

ing to agree upon fundamental principles of shipping legislation.

2. Creation of a Department of Marine to take over all the duties of the shipping board, except rate regulation, and to absorb various marine bureaus of present Government departments.

3. Support of the American Bureau of Shipping.

4. Establishment of load-lines for American vessels.

Prompt replies have been urged and the executive committee expects to be able to announce the result of its questionnaire within a few weeks.

#### "Wherefores" of the Points.

By calling a conference of representatives of organizations informed on shipping questions, the committee feels that the association will be helpful in promoting a crystallization of the best opinion. Its idea is that after the conference shall have agreed on what is necessary each organization individually shall press upon Congress the incorporation of the requisite into laws.

The committee's advocacy of a Department of Marine, is based on the belief that the Shipping Board, composed of five members, is too unwieldy to handle with adequate dispatch the innumerable questions arising in connection with merchant marine activities. While recognizing that the Shipping Board has done invaluable work in building ships for this country, the executive committee feels that the needs of the merchant marine from now on can best be looked after by an executive department whose head shall be a member of the Presidential Cabinet.

It is the view of the Committee that the rate-regulating powers now exercised by the Shipping Board should be transferred to the Interstate Commerce Commission or a similar body created for the purpose.

Desire for a purely American classification agency accounts for the committee's suggestion of an American Bureau of Shipping. American vessels are now classified by Lloyds' the British bureau.

Legislation requiring American vessels to carry marks on their sides to indicate the depth to which they may be safely loaded is recommended

in the obvious interest of safety. This country is held to have been backward in not adopting such a law already.

#### The Plan of Campaign.

Practical everybody is for an adequate American merchant marine, but there is no concerted action to get it.

The House Committee on Merchant Marine and the Senate Committee on Commerce have heretofore been hearing chiefly the officers of the Shipping Board. In a few weeks they will begin to hear the public, and the National Merchant Marine Association wishes to have a definite program ready for the committees to consider.

Under the rules of the National Merchant Marine Association, whose President is Senator Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, approval of the Council is necessary before the Executive Committee can take action. The membership of the Association includes shipbuilders, ship-operators, exporters, manufacturers, editors, and labor leaders. Following are the members of the Executive Committee: Senator Ransdell, Capt. C. A. McAllister, formerly of the Coast Guard; Emile P. Albrecht, President of the Philadelphia Bourse; Hendon Chubb, New York underwriter; George W. Norris of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau; and L. L. Richards, formerly Director of Transportation for the War Trade Board.

#### HOG IN STORAGE 25 YEARS

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 16.—Agents of the investigation branch here of the Department of Justice said that in one cold storage plant visited today a hog was found which, they were told, had been in storage twenty-five years.

The officials declared that, while they believed that if the hog really had been held for that length of time it was through an oversight, they intend to investigate further next week.

#### FATHER OF 52 CHILDREN

Gaffney, Aug. 16.—The most remarkable character in Cherokee County, or indeed anywhere in the United States, is John H. Lynch, of Cherokee Falls. The old gentleman will be ninety years of age next April. He came to Gaffney to have a warrant issued for a

neighbor who had threatened him, the difficulty having arisen over the fact that the neighbor's calf had been trespassing on the old man's pea patch, which he had himself planted and cultivated.

Mr. Lynch, in spite of his great age is hale and hearty and does his daily work in the fields. He has been married four times and is the father of

fifty-two children, nearly all of whom are living. His youngest child was born the year that President Wilson was inaugurated, and is named Woodrow.

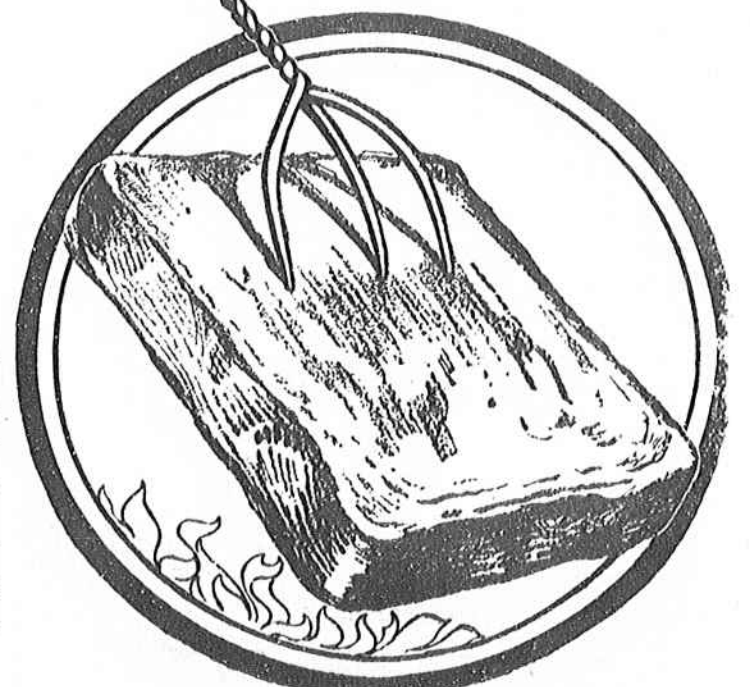
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